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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)REPORT NO. TOPIC Doberitz Airfield

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DATE OF CONTENT 6 December 1950DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 16 January 1951REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 6 December 1950, 28 single-engine aircraft could be counted on the southern edge of the Doberitz (N 53/2 65) airfield and 63 planes of the same type on the northern edge. The total number of aircraft could not be determined, particularly those on the southern edge. (1) The planes were two-seaters with in-line engines, antenna rods forward of cockpit, landing gears retracting rearward, and tail wheels which were not retractable. Some planes had weapons pointing rearward from the cockpit.

2. Flights were made after 12:30 p.m. on 6 December. Some of the aircraft taxied to the southern edge of the field after landing, and others to the northern edge. The planes which made the flights had no colors or tactical symbols. (2) About 10 to 15 planes took off from the field for local flights between 3:15 and 4 p.m.. They did not retract their landing gears while in flight. Since bad landings were made they were conducted by beginners. Some of the aircraft used for flying had one aircraft gun of about 20 mm under each wing.

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3. A radio truck and two tank trucks from which the aircraft were refueled were at the take-off point. About 4 p.m. the radio truck was towed by a tractor to the former Bisurund pilot camp

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4. The following containers were seen in the fuel dump on the northwestern edge of the field: two containers the size of railroad tank cars; five containers the size of tank trucks; one previously reported underground tank, covered with grass so that its capacity could not be determined; thirty 200-liter containers; and a semi-underground wooden frame 4 meters wide, the length of which could not be seen because of coal piled in front. (4)

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 Comments.

(1) The type and number of aircraft indicate that the airfield is occupied by two ground attack regiments. The aircraft described are probably IL-10s and IL-2s.

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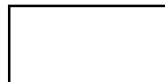
(2) The trainers apparently have no tactical symbols. Previous reports indicate that the aircraft of the two ground attack regiments have the leading edges of the wings painted red.

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- (3) [redacted] ground attack corps
headquarters stationed in Falkensee.
- (4) The fuel dump on the northwestern edge of the landing field
was previously reported. [redacted]

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